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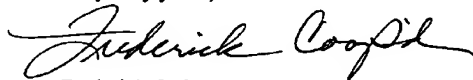
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Petition to Withdraw
Finality of Rejection as Premature Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,768
Docket No.: MA-385-US
Our Reference: MAT.004

Dear Examiner Tsegaye:

Enclosed is a Petition to Withdraw Finality of Rejection as Premature Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 and an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, responsive to the July 14, 2004 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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